Statement

Per Capita Central Assistance to States

(Rs.)

States	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1. Madhya Pradesh	57	56	63	71	79	97
2. Uttar Pradesh	45	51	57	66	76	89
3. Maharashtra	39	37	49	54	63	80
4. Rajasthan	62	73	100	71	68	119
5. Gujarat	39	42	64	58	68	82
6. Haryana	59	49	63	73	82	139
7. West Bengal	33	32	82	45	10	46
8. Punjab	46	47	46	54	60	190
9. Kerala	38	50	48	70	49	132

NOTE: (a) The above figures are inclusive of advance central assistance for relief against natural calamities.

(b) Per capita figures are worked out on the basis of 1971 population Census.

Request to RBI by Tripura Legislative Assembly for Writing off Loans

1920. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tripura Legislative Assembly in its last session requested the Reserve Bank of India to write-off the old debts of up-willing defaulters particularly belonging to Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes;

(b) whether the Government have received the copy of the resolutions; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In response to Chief Minister, Tripura's letter, the Government has replied to him in March 1987, that the present guidelines issued to all commercial banks by the Reserve Bank of India already envisage liberal facilities for rephasing and re-adjustment of loans to the people affected by natural calamities including floods, droughts etc. For instance, banks have been advised under such circumstances to convert short-term loans into term loans, and to reschedule/postpone the existing term-loan instalments keeping in view the repaying capacity of the borrowers, and to provide additional working capital facilities, relaxation in security criteria and provide consumption loans, etc. Regarding the rate of interest in the case of small and marginal farmers, interest on short-term loans may be postponed and recovered in full at the time of next marketing season. There should

be no compounding of the interest outstanding on the short-term loans in such cases, and in respect of current dues in default, no penal interest will be charged. Thus, in view of the already existing liberal facilities as per Reserve Bank of India's guidelines to banks in respect of loan cases affected by natural calamities—the Reserve Bank of India has reported that it will not be possible to write off the loans as such, as this would undermine the viability of the banking system on the one hand and adversely hamper the financial discipline among the borrowers on the other.

Non-resident Indians investments in A. P.

1921. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total investment made by the non-resident Indians in Andhra Pradesh in 1984, 1985, 1986 and in 1987 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Data on NRI Investments is not maintained on a State-wise basis and hence it is not possible to provide the desired information.

Messengers working in regonal rural Banks for more than 240 days

1922. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of daily wage Messengers or Messenger-cum-Sweepers working in the Regional Rural Banks for more than 240 days;

(b) the number of them whose services have been regularised so far in terms of Industrial Dispute Act;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many Regional Rural Banks like Gorakhpur, Bhojpur, Rohtas, Koraput Panchabati, Messengers working continuously for more than three years have been dismissed on different pleas;

(d) whether the Government of India is going to liberalise the policy of regularisation of such existing including those retrenched Messengers; and

(e) if so, what is the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by NABARD in respect of 179 reporting Regional Rural Banks there were 11,695 messengers in these banks. Of them 638 have been regularised in terms of instructions issued by Government in October, 1984.

(c) The existing data reporting system does not yield information on dismissals made by individual Regional Rural Banks.

(d) and (e) It has been decided to liberalise the policy of regularisation of daily waged messengers. In terms of the decision taken by Government, regular messengers will be appointed in all Regional Rural Bank branches having business of Rs. 30 lakhs and above, in the payscale applicable to the Group D post in the concerned State Government. The daily waged messengers who do not get regularised will be made Part-time regular messengers and will be entitled to draw 50 percent of the wages admissible to a regular messenger. They will however get an option to continue to draw wages at the existing rate.

Pay scale of area Manager of RRB

1923. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance in an order issued in 1984 informed Regional Rural Banks that the scale of pay for Area Manager would be decided soon;